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Applicant: John H. Burton et al.

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In response to the final Office Action mailed April 5, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from July 5, 2002 to August 5, 2002.

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Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect amendment of previously pending claims 1, 8, 13, and 28. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

1. [AMENDED] An implantable device, comprising:

a pressurizable expandable element, attached to an elongate conduit element near its forward end, said conduit element including a rear port portion and having a first passageway connecting said rear port portion to said expandable element, said expandable element expandable to enlarged shapes by addition of a flowable material using an external source provided into said rear port portion, said rear port portion adapted for providing fluid communication between the implantable device and the external source during adjustment and